



PATENT APPLICATION
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CLIENT NO: MN-P121130N2

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:
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For: STEAM PRESSURE REDUCING AND CONDITIONING VALVE

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Date February 15, 2002

Linda McSweeney
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the transmitted herewith attachment(s) of the same date and subject which is/are incorporated hereunto by reference. The signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment(s) in absence of a signature thereto.

Transmitted herewith in the above-identified application is/are:

- 1) Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- 2) Second Preliminary Amendment;
- 3) Preliminary Amendment mailed January 23, 2002
- 4) Three (3) sheets of Formal Drawings, Figures 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 5) Acknowledgment Postcard.

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- ___ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ___ A verified statement claiming small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- XX No additional fee is required.

___ The Fee for entering the attached Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY RATE		LARGE ENTITY RATE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	___	___ (at least 20)	=	___ (at least 0)	x9 = <u>OR</u>	x18	= \$___
INDEP. CLAIMS	___	___ (at least 3)	=	___ (at least 0)	x40 = <u>OR</u>	x80	= \$___
FIRST PRESENTATION OF <u>PROPER</u> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (leave blank if this is a <u>reissue</u> appln)				+135	= <u>OR</u>	+270	= \$___

FEE FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

___ IDS ATTACHED REQUIRES OFFICIAL FEE - ADD \$180 (RULE 1.97(c)) PETITION)		\$___
___ Assignment Recordation Fee (\$40)		\$___
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Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached:

	Small Entity	Large Entity
One Month	___ \$ 55	___ \$110
Two Months	___ \$195	___ \$390
Three Months	___ \$445	___ \$890
Four Months	___ \$695	___ \$1390

ADDITIONAL FEE FOR EXTENDED RESPONSE

\$___

Applicant has not been notified that the requested extension will not be permitted. The present application is not involved in an interference declared pursuant to 37 CFR 1.611.

TOTAL FEES

\$___

___ A check in the amount of \$___ to cover the TOTAL FEE is attached. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0447.

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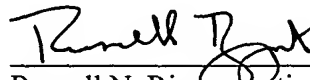
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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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